## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims  $2\overline{2}$  and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 5, 7, 9, 15, 17, 19 and 21 as shown in the attached Appendix. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a detector that detects that a user is about to leave his seat;

a search unit that searches for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said detector detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found by said search unit.

7. (Twice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a detector that detects that a user is about to leave his seat and a destination of the user from a schedule of the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the destination of the user when said detector detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the destination of the user.

9. (Twice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a detector that detects that a user is about to leave his seat and a person with whom the user is going to meet;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is going to meet when said detector detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is going to meet.

15. (Twice Amended) An information processing ethod comprising the steps of:

a detection step of detecting that a user is about to leave his seat;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said detecting step detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined time when the pending task is found in said searching step.

17. (Twice Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

a detecting step of detecting that a user is about to leave his seat and a destination of the user from a schedule of the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the destination of the user when said detecting step detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the destination of the user.

19. (Twice Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

a detecting step of detecting that a user is about to leave his seat and a person with whom the user is going to meet;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is going to meet when said detecting step detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is going to meet.

21. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising the steps of:

a detection\step of detecting that a user is about to leave his seat;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said detecting step detects that the user is about to leave his seat; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found in said searching step.

23. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a schedule storage, for storing a plurality of pending undertakings;

an entry adder, that adds a new undertaking to said schedule storage;

a search unit to search said storage for a pending undertaking relevant to the new undertaking; and

a notifier to notify the user of the pending undertaking relevant to the new undertaking.

- 24. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending undertaking relevant to a location where the new undertaking is to be performed.
- 25. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending undertaking relevant to a person related to the new undertaking.

- 26. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending undertaking to be performed subsequent to the new undertaking.
- 28. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method comprising:

an addition step, of adding a new undertaking to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending undertakings;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a pending undertaking relevant to the new undertaking; and

a notification step, of notifying the user of the pending undertaking relevant to the new undertaking.

- 29. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending undertaking relevant to a location where the new undertaking is to be performed.
- 30. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein,

in said search step, a search is performed for a pending undertaking relevant to a person related to the new undertaking.

- 31. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending undertaking to be performed sequent to the new undertaking.
- 32. (Not Changed From Prior Version) A computerreadable storage medium which stores a program for
  controlling a computer, the program comprising codes for
  permitting the computer to perform:

a addition step, of adding a new undertaking to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending undertakings;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a pending undertaking relevant to the new undertaking; and

a notification step, of notifying the user of the pending undertaking relevant to the new undertaking.

## **REMARKS**

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 12, 2000. Claims